



Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

September 2006

Awards Night Banquet

We're celebrating another great year of 4-H with an Awards Dinner

Please plan to attend and help us celebrate 104 years of 4-H

What is Provided:

Dinner—Main Dish

Coffee and Punch

Paper/Plastic Table Ware

Program:

Awards and Recognition of Volunteer Adults and 4-H Members

Please.....Please.....Please.....Please

RSVP by September 4, 2006 To 388-3213

We Need the Number of attendees for our cook

Where: River Rock Community Center

Date: September 7, 2006

Time: 6:00 Dinner, 6:30 Awards

Pre-register by: September 4, 2006

**Cost: \$3.00 per person
\$15.00 max./family**

Families with last names beginning with A-L, please bring **salad or side dish**

Families with last names beginning with M-Z, please bring a **dessert**.

2006 Montana 4-H Horse & Livestock Leaders Forum

Please pass along to your 4-H families that the Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Leaders Forum will be held on December 8-10, 2006 in Bozeman at the Holiday Inn and the Fairgrounds. We will serve dinner on the 8th at 6:00 p.m. and close the event on the 10th at noon. Buck Brannaman (the Horse Whisperer) will be the headlining speaker on Saturday from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Also note that the Livestock portion of the Forum is coming together very well and a number of sessions will be held to address livestock issues. Details are still being worked out and I will give you a better description of workshops as they become available.



We are also accepting workshop proposals or topic ideas. If any of your 4-H leaders have a topic they would like to present, please let me know by September 25th.

More updates to come.

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring your appetite and a few bucks for pizza. **Meeting date is September 12, 2006.**

2006 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum September 29-30, Missoula, MT "Where the Mountains Meet the Sky!"



The forum promises to be an exciting combination of workshops and events. Come join us as we enjoy a gala evening event at the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's new facility on Friday. Saturday's events will be at the University Center. Participants will enjoy a fantastic keynote speaker, choice between 21 different workshops, the Annual 4-H Council meeting, closing banquet, awards presentation, and an optional Duct Tape Ball with Professional Entertainment. Teen Leaders will want to check out the Workshops geared toward teen interests. The more experienced mature crowd will find workshops to their liking also!

Check out the website at: <http://extn.msu.montana.edu/4hleadershipforum/index.htm> for detailed information regarding the workshops that will be available, registration forms, sign-up deadlines and fees, forum schedules, website links for information on Missoula highlights, hotels, ideas for your duct tape ball attire and where you can get colored duct tape. You can pick up registration forms at your local Extension Office or print them off the website. For more information about the forum, please contact: Patrice Loucks by phone at 406-363-1919, or by email at: mt4hleadersforum2006@yahoo.com.

MSU Concessions Fundraising Dates Available

All 4-H Clubs, Projects, or groups are invited to man a concession booth at any of the Bobcat Football games and make 10% of the booth's gross sales. All home game dates are available and each game has been sold out well in advance, so attendance and revenues will be high. Home game dates are September 9th, 16th, and 23rd, October 7th and 28th, and November 4th. Plan to work from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and you must have at least 10 people. Your group will receive a guaranteed \$100.00, but should make \$300-400 plus tips if you wear 4-H clothing or hats and bring a tip jar.

MSU would really appreciate help for the home opener on September 9th. If interested in the 9th or any other date, call the 4-H office at 388-3213 to reserve your spot. 4-H is not the only organization invited to work, so call soon before the dates fill up.



Taste of Home Cooking Show Seeking Volunteers

SATISFY COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS AND GET A FREE TICKET to the Taste of Home Cooking Show! Help prepare gift bags on Thursday, September 7 in the MSU Field House in Bozeman, 4pm-8pm. Pizza and soda will be provided. We need approximately 10 hearty folks to volunteer. Please call Kay Ruh at Clear Channel Radio – 586-2343 Ext. 3012. Leave a message if I'm not there to take your call. Thanks so much. I desperately need the help!!



Also needed are 2-3 more volunteers to assist the Culinary Specialist the day of the Taste of Home Cooking School, Tuesday, September 12, from 8:30am-1pm and again from 5:30pm-10pm. You will help prep the recipes during the morning shift and assist on-stage during the evening shift. Please call Kay Ruh at Clear Channel Radio – 586-2343 Ext. 3012. Leave a message if I'm not there to take your call. Thank you!!

Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council

August 08, 2006

MacKenzie River Pizza, Belgrade, MT

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35pm by President, Ginny Francis.

ROLL CALL: Council members present were Todd Kesner, Betsey Heckel, Sandra Fiegi, Shay Fiegi, Ginny Francis, Brenda Townsend, and Kelley Phipps. Guests present were Chris Phipps, Sarah Phipps, and Sonja Berg.

SECRETARY'S REPORTS: Sandra moved, seconded by Brenda, that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A thank you letter was received from Veronica Maggard for the MSU Horsemanship Scholarship.
- A thank you card was received from Alison Pugh in regards to the horse giveaway.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brenda moved, seconded by Kelley that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

- 4-H Camp: Overall, camp went really well. Julie Martz did a 6 hour leadership training with the teens. There was some sort of stomach virus that went around camp on Thursday and throughout the weekend to those exposed to it. Todd will report this to the health department.
- Congress: Pat Stackhouse, Julee Riley Chaikin, and Todd attended as chaperones. Teens in attendance were Randie Adams, Britta Garbe, Marca Tavernini, Sierra Reyher, Lauren Brester, and Robbie Chester. The teens represented Gallatin County quite well.
- Concessions: Sales were down from last year, though sales did go up daily. The need for tables and chairs would add to customer convenience. Ginny did a stellar job!
- National 4-H Shooting Sports: A team from Gallatin County was sent to this event for the first time. Every event Montana was entered in, Montana won, in addition to there being many National winners from Gallatin County.
- Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Leaders Forum: This is open to teens 14 years of age and older. Planning is underway and is scheduled for December 8-10, 2006. The Fair Grounds is booked, and Holiday Inn will be housing the participants. In addition, a great line up is planned.
- 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp: There were 18 total in attendance, 11 being of Cloverbud age. Events included Animals in Montana, lunch and games at the Battle Ridge Forest Service Cabin, Fairy Lake and a scavenger hunt.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Big Timber Water Park: There were 20 people in attendance for this event, and the weather couldn't have been more perfect for day playing in the water
- Christmas Ornaments: Ornaments to be decorated for the State Tree should be arriving September 2006, and are due to be returned November 2006.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Concession Manager Stipend: Brenda moved, seconded by Sandra, that we give Ginny \$1000.00 for the Manager Stipend. Motion carried.
- District 6 Meeting: The meeting will be held September 9, 2006 at the Bozeman Public Library off of Rouse. Registration will be from 8:45 - 9:00am. Cody Stone will be conducting a Leader's College for all adults and teens interested in attending. Sandra moved, seconded by Brenda, that \$100.00 from the County Educational Programs Special Projects fund be used to offset expenses. Motion carried.
- Scholarship Application Form: The scholarship application is completed and available.
- Storage Unit Rental: The storage unit is a 10' x 20' for \$56.00/month. The Foundation paid \$600.00 to cover the 1st month, security deposit, lock, and storage shelves. If we pay a year at a time, we get one month's free rent. Shay moved, seconded by Kelley, that we pay \$616.00 for one year's worth of storage out of the Late Fee Scholarship Fund. Motion carried.
- Montana 4-H Leader's Forum: A handout with information for this event was received. The Forum will be held September 29 - 30, 2006 in Missoula. Please visit <http://extn.msu.montana.edu/4hleadershipforum/>, or contact the 4-H Office for details.
- Awards Banquet: The Awards Banquet will be held on September 07, 2006 at the River Rock Community Center at 6:00pm. The cost will be \$3.00/person with a maximum of \$15.00/family. 4-H Books are due to the leaders on August 15, 2006 and to the 4-H Office August 18, 2006. A General Awards Committee consisting of Todd Kesner, Ginny Francis, Betsy Heckel, Sandra Fiegi, Shay Fiegi, and Kelley Phipps will meet on August 31, 2006 at 5:00pm, at Todd's office.
- National 4-H Week: National 4-H week is October 1 - 7, 2006. Be sure to start planning those fabulous window displays for this year!
- 4-H Shooting Sports Training: Chris and Kelley Phipps have expressed an interest in attending the next meeting help September 15-16, 2006 in Circle, MT. Sandra moved, seconded by Betsy, to allow a maximum of \$150.00/person out of Late Fees to help cover the cost of registration, hotel, and mileage. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- August 21, 2006 ~ Horse Committee Meeting
- August 29, 2006 ~ Horse Forum Planning Committee
- September 12, 2006 ~ Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
- September 30, 2006 ~ Gallatin 4-H Grant Application Deadline

ADJOURNED: 8:05pm by President, Ginny Francis.

Kelley Phipps, Secretary

Kids Can Win Free Heifers from NILE Billings, MT

Kids age 13-17 who are interested in winning a free breeding heifer are urged to apply by September 15 for the 2006 NILE Merit Heifer Program. The purpose of the program is to help kids start their own cattle herd by supplying them with quality breeding heifers. The heifers are donated by reputable seedstock producers in Montana and surrounding states. Winners are selected by a NILE Committee based on merit, with written applications. The deadline to apply is September 15. Merit Heifer information and applications are available online at www.thenile.org.

NILE Stock Show October 18-21, 2006

The Livestock Evaluation Contest for 4-H and FFA members will be held on Tuesday, October 17 with team check-in beginning at 6:30 a.m. The purpose of the contest is to provide an educational experience and incentive to learn more about meat animal evaluation and pricing as well as to assist young people in enlarging their acquaintances among leaders in the livestock field while improving their communication skills. Livestock judging teams are charge \$30 and registration is due September 15th. Late entries will be taken with a \$20.00 late fee. Entry forms are available from the NILE office or at www.thenile.org.

Junior Fed Livestock Show and Sale – Animals in place for beef, sheep, and swine on Tuesday, October 17 and the sale in Thursday, October 19. Any youth under the age of 19 as of January 1, 2006 and enrolled in 4-H or FFA may exhibit. Animals must be in the exhibitor's care, custody, and ownership by August 10, 2006. Registration is \$25 per head with extra fees charged for trim chutes and other possible needs. The deadline to register is September 15th with NO late entries accepted. Please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213 for a NILE premium book with complete details.

MSU Equine Conference



The third annual Montana State University Equine Conference is designed to update horse owners and enthusiasts on the latest scientific and practical information related to horses and horse management. The conference Saturday September 23 will be held in Bozeman at the MSU Strand Union Building and will run from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by MSU's Animal and Range Sciences Department, the conference has been designed by Equine Science Faculty and the Equine Advisory Committee, which is composed of equine professionals from across Montana. This year's program includes several nationally recognized speakers, Montana equine professionals, and MSU faculty discussing a variety of topics. Workshops will include nutrition, national animal ID, breeding farm management, tack selection and fitting, geriatric horse care, mare management and foaling, winterizing you horse, equine embryo transfer, health management and medical emergencies, small pasture management, alternative therapies, and youth activities. Conference participants will select topics that fit their interests in four concurrent sessions and will have access to information on equine products and services from a variety of Montana businesses and organizations. The registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. The cost to register before Sept. 10th is \$25 for an adult or \$10 for a child 12 years old or younger. The day of the conference, registration is \$35 for an adult and \$15 for a child. Evening meal and program is \$13 per person and you must be pre-registered before Sept 10 to attend. Pre-registration is encouraged. Checks or money orders should be payable to MSU Animal & Range Sciences and can be mailed to Animal and Range Sciences, Attn: Equine Conference, MSU, P.O. Box 172900, Bozeman, MT 59717- 2900 or 994-7953.

Summer Camp Leftovers



We have the following items left from camp. Please stop by our office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade (we are in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2 next to the Lee & Dad's shopping center): MSU sweatshirt, Blue Polar Fleece vest, Quilted shirt, Gray Adidas jacket with red stripes on sleeves, 1 cowboy boot, 1 pink sandal, bag for a sleeping bag, water bottle, head lamp, Fuji disposable camera

Enrollments for the 2006-2007 4-H Year

We are currently accepting enrollments for the next 4-H year — the deadline to re-enroll is October 1st. Regular enrollment fees are \$15 per member - \$30 per family - \$5 per leader - \$5 per Cloverbud. Enrollments received after October 1st will be charged a \$5 late fee per member/leader. Each additional month after that will be an additional \$5 per month with a maximum of \$15.00 per member or leader. The new Clover books are in our office. You may pick up your enrollment forms and Clovers at the Gallatin County 4-H office 201 West Madison, Suite 300, Belgrade. We are in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2 (just east of the Lee & Dad's shopping center). If you have any questions call 388-3213.



Leader Training Offered at District 6 Meeting - IT'S FREE!!!

Step up your ordinary 4-H training and go back to college; Leader's College that is. All 4-H parents, teens, and leaders are invited earn a few credits at the District 6 meeting on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at the Bozeman Public Library on 220 East Lamme. Agenda items will include info on the 2007 State 4-H Rec Lab, new programs in 4-H, and 4-H Leader College training from Cody Stone of the 4-H Center for Youth Development. We will also open the floor to nominations of two leaders to serve as Chair and Vice Chair of District 6 and represent us on the Montana 4-H Council. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. at the Library and the meeting concludes at 4:00 p.m. We will have a no host lunch together at a nearby restaurant. Prizes will be presented to the largest county delegation (by percentage of county leaders). District 6 includes Sweetgrass, Park, Gallatin, Broadwater, Lewis and Clark, and Meagher Counties. **RSVP by September 5th by calling 388-3213. Please plan to attend.**



Livestock Judging Project



4-H members planning on competing in the NILE Livestock Judging Contest must be enrolled in 4-H by October 1st. There will be a Jr. and Sr. class if enough 4-Hers are interested in competing. Judging workshops are being planned with one to be held at Headwaters Livestock with Scott Perkins. Details will be coming soon. Call Nancy Chesterfield at 587-4531 with questions.

Sheep

Experienced members and interested new members must have their lambs purchased by May 1st in order to participate in the 2007 Gallatin County Fair. 3 workshops are required for participation at Fair. Call any Sheep Committee member for more information. Robbie Isbell 285-3622, Nancy Chesterfield 587-4531, Kim Briggs 284-4072, Meg Anderson 284-3265.



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National 4-H Week is October 1-7, 2006



This is the chance to start planning a great window display this year. Show pride in your 4-H club by placing a display in the window of any area business. The display should show activities and accomplishments in 4-H with pictures, awards, and fun decorations. Put up your displays during September or the first part of October. Call the 4-H office at 388-3213 and let us know by October 2 where your display is so it can be judged.

Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival

The last weekend in September, hundreds of stitchers trek to Billings to pore over colorful fibers and newfangled gadgets -- and to learn from experts how to use them. It's the Rocky Mountain Sewing Festival, a project started more than 10 years ago. The Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival will be held September 28-30 in Billings at MetraPark. There are nearly 100 classes to choose from. Classes are taught by a featured national presenter each year, as well as regional and local experts and educators from manufacturers like Bernina and Husqvarna Viking. Brochures for the 2006 Rocky Mountain Sewing Festival, Sept 28 through 30, are now available at the MSU Extension office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade. For more information, visit the Yellowstone County MSU Extension office Web site or call (406) 256-2828.

